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AUSTRALIAN TRADE.

IMPROVED CONDITIONS.

FREIGHT RATES REDUCED.

Since our last report, dated April 23, says the *Australian Monthly Market Review* for May trade conditions in Australia have steadily improved, although the position is still far from normal. Largely as a result of the satisfactory sales of Australian wheat which have been effected, increased funds are now becoming available in London, and already quite a noticeable improvement has occurred in the exchange position. That the financial position has not been righted, however, is evident, as the latest import and export statistics published show that the trade balance is still very much against us, although the enforced action of the banks in withholding ordinary exchange facilities is materially reducing this adverse balance. Ocean freight rates have undergone little change since last writing, but the tendency is doubtless a downward one, the current rate on wheat and flour to South Africa being 50—per ton, as against 57 6 a month ago, whilst to Manila and Hongkong the rate has been reduced as from June 1 to 40—per 200 lb. There is a plentiful supply of steam tonnage offering for South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the various Eastern trade routes, and the rates to all these destinations is lower than we have known them for some considerable time.

The labour and industrial outlook is, if anything, somewhat improved, due to fairly widespread unemployment, as it is naturally to be expected that with a large body of unemployed there will be fewer strikes and an improved volume of output on the part of those who are at work. Some very large extensions have been planned in the manufacturing industry, particularly in the manufacture of metals, machinery, and rubber and woollen goods, and although, as we write, the majority of mineral mines throughout the Commonwealth are closed down owing to the collapse of the metal market, and the immediate prospects of this industry are, therefore, not too bright, it is expected that advances will be made immediately the financial position becomes easier.

Manufacturers are seeking to extend their export trade in anticipation of their increased output, and in the latter direction the Federal and the State Governments are assisting by the appointment of Trade Commissioners abroad, and officers have already been appointed to China and Italy, while the Government has promised to largely extend this system. In the manufacturing world an unsettling factor at the moment is the Customs Tariff, which has recently been introduced in the Federal Parliament, and is to be disposed of this session. This tariff which is naturally a very contentious measure, provides for extremely heavy duties on many manufactured goods, and, if it becomes law, will be of immense assistance to manufacturers, enabling them to compete with the foreign manufactured article.

The agricultural outlook is very bright indeed, although the autumn rains, which have not yet fallen, would be very welcome in the country districts. In the wheat belt of Australia growers are already at work, sowing early for the next crop. The position with regard to the Australian wool clip is, unfortunately, very critical, owing to the serious fall in wool values on the London market. Exceedingly large stocks of wool are on hand in Australia, and a body, styled British-Australasian Wool Realisation Association, has been formed to undertake the very difficult task of disposing of the clip. The failure to secure good prices for Australian wool which is usually our largest asset—has not improved the already difficult financial position.

Transportation services, both inland and coastal, are now normal again, and labour troubles would seem to be at an end, for a time at least. The flour-milling industry in Australia is still in a somewhat precarious position, as orders for flour are not nearly up to the usual volume, and indications for the rest of the season are not very hopeful. The majority of the mills throughout the country are working on short time, while we know of a few that have been forced to close down altogether.

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SHIPPING.

WIRELESS AT SEA.

NEW AGREEMENT WITH
SHIPOWNERS.

FREE COMPETITION DESIRED.

An important new agreement between shipowners and the Marconi Company has been drawn up as a result of conferences held at the Chamber of Shipping. This promises to clear up several of the disabilities under which the shipowner has worked in the past concerning operators' hours, cost of installations, and systems in use.

The general manager of the Chamber of Shipping, Mr. H. M. Clemenson, explained the new agreement to a *Journal of Commerce* representative, and remarked that while the actual agreement was drawn up with the Marconi Company, the wish of shipowners was that there should be free competition between the wireless companies in the supplying of installations for shipping. The agreement embodies the terms the Marconi Company has offered to shipowners in respect to all new installations, and also applies to the 200 ships which have been fitted with Marconi apparatus during the negotiations. The Marconi Company has also offered all other shipowners carrying its installation the benefit of the new terms in place of the old. Thus it will enable an owner who fitted wireless in 1917 under the ten years' agreement to terminate this in 1922 on terms set out in the revised form, if he so desires. The Convention of 1914 was the first wireless legislation, and the Marconi Company drew up an agreement with shipowners. This was redrafted from time to time, and the shipowners never quite knew where they were.

In 1917 the Chamber of Shipping invited the Marconi Company to lay proposals for a definite draft before the Chamber, and to undertake not to call upon owners to subscribe to more onerous terms than those which the Chamber could approve. Eventually the revised form of agreement was arrived at. Shipowners felt with regard to operators that it should be made clear that the latter while on board were the servants of the owner, and must follow the captain's orders, not only in regard to wireless work, but in any other duties which could be conveniently undertaken by wireless operators. For instance, they could give very effective assistance in tallying cargoes. Under the new agreement the shipowner may employ his own operators from outside, or he may obtain one from the company.

On the subject of operators it is important to remember that there is every hope that in a very short time automatic calling devices will be approved by the Board of Trade, and

this will prevent considerable wastage of time at the instrument, and save considerably in wireless personnel. It is hoped to change the present S.O.S. call for another one to which the instrument will be more sensitive, even in the most crowded waters. The Marconi Company made one or two valuable concessions to owners in the new agreement.

THE NEW AGREEMENT.

In May, 1920, the wireless operators demanded from the Marconi Company an increase in pay, and under the terms of Clause 4 of the Chamber of Shipping Agreement the Marconi Company applied to the Shipping Federation to sanction the increase on behalf of shipowners, on the understanding that such sanction would commit shipowners to pay the increase to the Marconi Company. At a meeting at which representatives of the Chamber of Shipping and of the Marconi Company were present, the Shipping Federation approved certain increases to operators. At the same meeting in response to the suggestion of the Chamber of Shipping, Mr. Isaacs, on behalf of the Marconi Company, agreed to amend the Chamber of Shipping Agreement then existing between the Marconi Company and certain shipowners.

Negotiations for the amendment of the agreement have proceeded since that date, and the Marconi Company have given the Chamber of Shipping all facilities to ascertain the exact amount due from shipowners in respect of the increase of wages to operators. This amount has not been assessed on the basis of actual and estimated figures at the rate of £78 per operator per annum for the period 16th May, 1920, to 30th June, 1921, additional to the amount due under the Chamber of Shipping Agreement, namely, £130 (i.e., £10, plus £20 approved in 1918). In accordance, therefore, with the Chamber of Shipping Agreement, shipowners are now informed that payment of £78 per operator per annum for the period in question or £106 for any shorter period is due to the Marconi Company; credit will be given for any bonuses paid. As a large part of the amount accrued some time ago, shipowners are asked to settle the claim with the Marconi Company with the least possible delay.

In the amended Chamber of Shipping agreement—the terms of which in the view of the Chamber fulfil the promise that Mr. Isaacs voluntarily gave in May, 1920—the Marconi Company offer to all shipowners the option of signing an agreement on the amended terms in substitution of the agreement under which they work at present. It will be noticed that the amended terms provide for the freedom to the shipowner to give up the use of the Marconi apparatus on certain terms. Five years after the date of installation, shipowners should observe that the period of five years for

which they will be committed under the new agreement will date from the actual date of installation of their apparatus, and not from the date on which they signed this amended agreement. The other conditions of the amended agreement will apply from the date of signature by the shipowner with the exception that owners will retain the benefit of the unamended concessions agreed with the Chamber during negotiations concerning the new form, viz.:

(a) Free transmission of messages on ship's business irrespective of ownership of apparatus.
(b) Cessation of responsibility for operators' wages one month after lay-up of a ship has commenced provided notice of lay-up is given. The Chamber of Shipping regard this as a material concession by the Marconi Company, which should remove in a large measure the objection felt by many shipowners to the prolonged commitments into which they entered under pressure of war.

It will be noticed that under the amended terms it is open to shipowners either to provide their own operators or to obtain operators from the Marconi Company. The price which the Marconi Company will charge for providing operators will depend upon the wages current from time to time, but the Marconi Company have agreed that the basis of payment shall be the sum of \$130 payable by shipowners under the original Chamber of Shipping agreement, and that the further charge, if any, shall depend upon the increase of wages determined from time to time by the Shipping Federation, as compared with the cost to the Marconi Company of operators prior to the meeting in May, 1920.

Messrs. Siemens Bros. and Co., Ltd., state that they are prepared to accept the same basis of payment for wages of operators for the period of May 6, 1920—June 30, 1921. The Radio Co. does not provide for operators on the basis of the rate but upon the terms of the operator or operators supplied by each owner.

PENSIONS FOR MERCANTILE MARINE.

RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVING ATTENTION.

In the House of Commons, Sir John Boucher asked the President of the Board of Trade whether the attention had been called to that portion of the report of the Select Committee on Pensions which recommended that all officers and other ranks of the Mercantile Marine who served at sea during the war in British merchant ships should be considered as having been engaged in war service, provided such service was performed under circumstances where the normal risks or strain were increased by war conditions;

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whether this recommendation and, if not, whether immediate attention would be given to the matter. Mr. Stanley Baldwin.—This recommendation is receiving attention, and I hope to be able to let my hon. and learned friend know in the course of a few days the terms of the decision arrived at.

"THE DREADNOUGHT" SOLD.

The Admiralty has decided to sell 113 warships to Messrs. T. W. Ward, Ltd., of Albion Works, Sheffield, who have for years been purchasing obsolete warships and other vessels for breaking up.

The purchase price of the vessels is a flat rate of £2 10s. a ton. The deal includes 5 battleships, 6 cruisers, 6 light cruisers, 3 flotilla leaders, 72 torpedo-boat destroyers, 13 torpedo boats, and 8 monitors.

The battleships are: Dreadnought (17,900 tons), Magnificent (14,900), Hindustan (16,350), Dominion (16,350), and Mars (14,900).

INDO-AMERICAN RUN

The *Mainichi* says that the Indo-American line between Calcutta and New Orleans via the Suez Canal has become a scene of a three-cornered contest between Japanese, British, and American ships. Previously, Messrs. Harbison and Crossfield had a monopoly, with special rights for transporting Indian hemp, gunny bags, bone-dust, etc. to America (by

which is simply meant that nobody else happened to be doing the business). In June last year, however, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha invaded the line. Subsequently, an American shipping company has opened a regular run with a weekly service in co-operation with an Indian firm, followed by the Dollar line and another. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has also an idea of taking a share. There are indications that rivalry regarding freight rates will become acute.

THE QUEST.

SHACKLETON'S NEW SHIP.

In a corner of the Southampton Docks is tucked away a little vessel whose travels may one day grip the attention of the whole world. It is the "Foca I," re-christened "The Quest," in which Sir Ernest Shackleton, the explorer, hopes to set out late this summer on a new expedition.

The vessel, which is a two-masted sloop with an auxiliary steam engine and was originally Norwegian, is of great strength. Its bows are of wood 5 ft. thick, its hull is about 2 ft. thick, and the bows and fore part are strengthened with thick plate of steel.

Messrs. Thornycroft began to recondition the vessel this week, and it is hoped that it will be completed in time to be visited by the King at Cowes in August.

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at their Sales Room, No. 8,
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venience of sale.
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VISITING Masters are invited to attend the INSTALLATION of the Rt. Worshipful District Grand Master Designate (Wor. Bro. PERCY HOSKIN, HOLYOAK, D.D.G.M.) TO-DAY, 20th July, at 5.15 P.M., for 5.30 P.M. precisely, at Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street.
Full dress or white mess jacket to be worn.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND OF ONE DOLLAR per share for the six months ending 30th June, 1921, will be PAYABLE on TUESDAY, August 9th, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, August 2nd to TUESDAY, August 9th, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. E. ELLMS,
Acting Secretary.

NOTICE.

THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, China Command, brings to the notice of all concerned that no soldier can be placed under stoppages of pay for a private debt.

If, therefore, inhabitants suffer soldiers to contract debts, they will do so at their own risk.

Hongkong, July 19, 1921.

THE HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Patrons.
H. E. The Governor, Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., and Lady Stubbs,
President, Mr. Justice Gompertz,
Hon. Treasurer, J. H. Ramsay,
Hon. Secretary, B. L. Frost.

The objects of the Society are:—

1. The education of the people by propaganda, etc., in the knowledge of the proper treatment of dumb animals.
2. The appointment of a paid inspector to supervise the work.
3. The possibility of taking over and running the Dogs' Home.
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The labour of other charities is divided among many associations but this charity stands alone—the defender of defenceless dumb animals.

Those desirous of becoming members of the Society, the annual subscription to which is \$2 for adults and 25 cents for children, and those who wish to make it possible for the above object to be carried out by making donations, will greatly oblige by forwarding same to the Hon. Treasurer, c/o The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

THE PETITION

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF JULY, 1921, AT NOON, for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving the draft new Memorandum of Association of the Company which will be submitted to the Meeting. A print of such draft new Memorandum of Association and a print of the existing Memorandum of Association of the Company may be seen at the Company's Registered Office in the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, aforesaid, and a comparison of the print of the existing Memorandum of Association with the print of the draft new Memorandum of Association will show wherein the draft new Association Memorandum differs from the existing Memorandum of Association. Should the Meeting approve of such new Memorandum of Association with or without modification, the subject of the Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—

- (1). That the provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association with respect to its objects be altered so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting; and also for the following further purposes, namely:—

For the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving the draft new Articles of the Company which will be submitted to the Meeting. A print of such new Articles and a print of the existing Articles may be seen at the Company's Registered Office in the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, aforesaid. In such print the portions of the proposed new Articles which differ from the existing Articles are indicated by underlining in black ink and by marginal notes. Should the Meeting approve of such new Articles with or without modification, the subject of the Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—

- (2). That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street, aforesaid, on SATURDAY, the THIRTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 1921, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as Special Resolutions, the above mentioned Resolutions (Nos. 1 and 2).

Should the first of the above Resolutions (No. 1) be confirmed as a Special Resolution by the requisite majority, the alterations in the Company's memorandum of Association consequently involved will be submitted to the Supreme Court of Hongkong for confirmation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the said SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street, aforesaid, on SATURDAY, the THIRTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 1921, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting in so far as regards Resolutions Nos. 3, 4 and 5 above and of confirming, if thought fit, such last mentioned Resolutions as Special Resolutions.

Dated this Fourteenth day of July, 1921.
By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of FOUR DOLLARS per share for the six months ending 30th June, 1921, will be payable on TUESDAY, July 26th, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 19th to TUESDAY, the 26th July, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Acting Secretary.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of FOUR DOLLARS per share for the six months ending 30th June, 1921, will be payable on TUESDAY, July 26th, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 19th to TUESDAY, the 26th July, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Acting Secretary to
The General Managers.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 19th to TUESDAY, the 26th July, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Acting Secretary to
The Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.
General Agents for
The West Point Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, July 12, 1921.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HONGKONG DOLLAR DIRECTORY has been acquired, as from July 7th, 1921, by the undersigned with all rights and titles, and will hereafter be published by them. No claims against the Hongkong Dollar Directory incurred prior to this date will be admitted by the undersigned.

THE NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE LTD.
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Hongkong, July 7, 1921.

Shares in proportion to the company in the Company's present Capital of \$1,000,000 held by them respectively on the date hereinafter referred to, and that a bonus be declared accordingly. And further that the Company's Board of Directors be and they are hereby authorised to satisfy such bonus as far as possible by the distribution in manner aforesaid of 100,000 shares of \$10 each credited as fully paid-up among the persons who are registered as the holders of the shares constituting the Company's present Capital of \$1,000,000 on such date as the Company's Board of Directors shall decide—such last mentioned shares to rank pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present Capital of \$1,000,000 in respect of all profits of the Company earned since the 31st December, 1920, and such distribution to be in satisfaction of the aforesaid bonus.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a THIRD EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street, aforesaid, on WEDNESDAY, the THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF AUGUST, 1921, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting in so far as regards Resolutions Nos. 3, 4 and 5 above and of confirming, if thought fit, such last mentioned Resolutions as Special Resolutions.

Dated this Fourteenth day of July, 1921.
By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.

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SHIPPING.

COMPETITION IN CHINA TRADE.

Severe competition is now going on among Japanese and foreign ships on the South China line. The Nishin Steamship Company has maintained a Shanghai-Hongkong-Canton line since last January with the "Rosam-maru," "Susan-maru," and "Haryo-maru," all of which were newly built at the Uraga Dock Company. Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Butterfield & Swire, and the China Merchants S.N. Company, have fifteen or sixteen ships on the same run. The freight rate was at one time about Y23, but the foreign competitors have decreased it to Y12.30, followed by an equivalent decrease by the Nishin Company. A one voyage run, it is said, results in a loss of Y8,000 and the Nishin can hardly maintain the line with the small yearly subsidy of Y150,000. The British companies are expected to put more ships on the line with full determination of regaining their pre-war influence.

THE BOMBAY TRADE.

There were expectations in Japan that with the coming of the monsoon the Bombay line would do little business and would pick up little cargo on the homeward voyage. But so far as present circumstances are concerned, the monsoon is unexpectedly calm, and purchases of raw cotton are being continually made by Japanese merchants owing to the quotation for cotton yarn being well maintained on the domestic market. Outward navigation is also doing pretty well.

A committee meeting of the Spinning Association was held on June 28. Rates were fixed for the transportation of Indian raw cotton for the present term, the amount being estimated at 540,000 bales. For the lowering of the rates on cotton yarn and piecegoods, negotiations were made with the shipping companies concerned, but no compromise has been found yet. Negotiations will shortly be re-opened.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

The following are the accounts of the Osaka Shoshen Kaisha presented at a meeting of the management on June 27, to be submitted to the general meeting of shareholders:—

Gross Receipts.....Y29,980,009
Gross Losses.....24,940,000
Net Profit.....5,040,000
Reserve.....4,950,000

Balance.....90,000
Brought Forward.....1,425,000
Transferred from Dividend Reserve.....2,000,000

Total.....3,515,000

Dividend (10 per cent., per annum).....3,125,000
Carried Forward.....390,000

EXPORT DEAD.

Despite the depression prevailing throughout the shipping world, the Indian and European lines have somewhat recovered from their decline and have been securing some shipments. With this, the headquarters of the European Homeward Conference in London have contemplated an increase in the rates from Shanghai to Europe and have now decided to raise them from 20 to 30 per cent from the 25th June. Notification to the same effect has been dispatched to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and other shipping companies participating in the Conference. They at once held a meeting in Yokohama and determined to increase the rates from Yokohama to the same extent as those from Shanghai from June 28. It is not expected, however, that this will have much immediate effect, as export could hardly be more completely dead than it is at present.

CHINA COASTING SERVICES.

The Yamashita Kisen Kaisha has been doing good business on the Amoy-Swallow-Hongkong-Hungchi line, which it opened some time ago with three vessels. Lately,

MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

July 13th, 1921.

Butcher Meat.

Beef, Strickland—Mal Leng Pa	21	Chicken, —Kai Tsa	40
Prime Cut	21	Capon, Small—Sun Kai	38
Corned, —Ham Ngan Yek	22	Lapoon, Large—Sun Kai	48
Roast—Shia	22	Duck, —Ap	32
Breast—Ngan Nam	18	Dove, —Fao Kan	32
Soup—Tong Yek	18	Egg, Hen—Kai Tan (cooling) per doz.	23
Steak—Ngan Yek Pa	20	Egg, Hen—Kai Tan (fresh) per doz.	28
Steak Strickland—Ngan Lan	28	Fowl, Canton—Kai	45
Sausages—Ngan Cheung	25	Fowl, Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	54
Sallock's Brains—Ngan No per set	10	Geese—Nga	25
Tongue, fresh—Ngan Li each 60		Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap, each 45	
Tongue, corned—Ham Ngan Li		" Hothow—Hoi Hau Pak Kap	
each 65 cents			
Head—Ngan Tan	80	Turkey, Cock—Fo Kai Kung	80
Heart—Ngan Sam	13	Turkey, Hen—Fo Kai Na	80
Hump, Salt—Ngan Kin	18	Salp, —Sha Trui	each
Feet—Ngan Keuk	each 10	Phasant—Shan Kai	each
Kidneys—Ngan Yik	10	Quail—Om Chun	each
—Ngan Mei	10	Partridges—Che Ku	each
Liver—Ngan Koo	13		
Tripe (undressed), Ngan To lb.	6		

Fruits.

Almonds—Heng Yan	each 45	Apples, (California)—Kam Shan	each 45
Bananas, (bridge's), Macao—San	each 5	Carrots, —Yung To	each 10
Cocoanuts, —Ye To	each 10	Lemons, China—Ling Mung	each 8
Lemons, (America)—Kam Shan	each 6	Ling Mung	each 6
Lichoes, Dried, (small stone)	each 22	Oranges, (Canton), Sweet—	each 48
Oranges, (Canton), Sweet—	each 48	Shan-sheng Tim Chang	each 48
Oranges, Tim Chang	each 48	Pears, (Canton), Cooking—Sha Li	each 48
Pears, (Canton), Cooking—Sha Li	each 48	Peanuts, —Fa Shang	each 13
Peanuts, —Fa Shang	each 13	Persimmons, Large—Hung Tse	each 3
Plantain—Tai Chiu	each 3	Pineapple, —Tam Lo Yau	each 15
Pineapple, —Tam Lo Yau	each 15	Walnuts—Hop To	each 14
Walnuts—Hop To	each 14	Grapes—Po Tai Tse	each 11

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes—Ab Chai Cheuk	each	Beans, Sprout—Nga Tao	each
Beet Root—Heng Tai Tse	each 8	Bitter Squash—Fa Kwa	each 8
Brinjals, Green—Ching Yau Kwa	each 8	" Red—Heng Koo	each 8
Cabbage Chinese, (common)	each 8	" (Shanghai)—Ye To	each 15
" (Shanghai)—Ye To	each 15	Cauliflower (Large)—Ye To	each 8
Cauliflower (Large)—Ye To	each 8	" (Medium)	each 8
" (Small)	each 8	Carrots—Kam Shan	each 13
Carrots—Kam Shan	each 13	Celery Chinese—Tung Kan Tai	each 12
Celery Chinese—Tung Kan Tai	each 12	Chillies, Dried—Kao Lat Chiu	each 22
Chillies, Dried—Kao Lat Chiu	each 22	" Red—Heng Fa Chiu	each 5
" Red—Heng Fa Chiu	each 5	" Green—Ching Lat Chiu	each 5
" Green—Ching Lat Chiu	each 5	Curry Staff, English—Ka Li Cheu	each 10
Curry Staff, English—Ka Li Cheu	each 10	Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	each 2
Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	each 2	Garlic—Sun Tau	each 5
Garlic—Sun Tau	each 5	Ginger young—Tung Kan Kung	each 5
Ginger young—Tung Kan Kung	each 5	Ginger, old—Lo Kung	each 5
Ginger, old—Lo Kung	each 5	Horseradish, Shanghai—Lai Kan	each 5
Horseradish, Shanghai—Lai Kan	each 5	Indian Corn—Shak Mai	each 6
Indian Corn—Shak Mai	each 6	Lettuces—Yung Shang Tai	each 10
Lettuces—Yung Shang Tai	each 10	Pamelo, Siam—Kai Tai	each 8
Pamelo, Siam—Kai Tai	each 8	Water Chestnuts—Kai Tai	each 10
Water Chestnuts—Kai Tai	each 10	" Mandarin—Kwai	each 10
" Mandarin—Kwai	each 10	Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Tao Kai	each 45
Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Tao Kai	each 45	" Shao	each 45
" Shao	each 45	Onions, Bombay—Yung Ching Tai	each 8
Onions, Bombay—Yung Ching Tai	each 8	Onions, Green—Shang Ching Tai	each 5
Onions, Green—Shang Ching Tai	each 5	Onions, Shanghai—Shang Ching Tai	each 5
Onions, Shanghai—Shang Ching Tai	each 5	Parsnips—Tung Kan	each 4
Parsnips—Tung Kan	each 4	Radish—Hing Lo Pak Tai	each 5
Radish—Hing Lo Pak Tai	each 5	Rambert (Fresh)—Tai Wong	each 6
Rambert (Fresh)—Tai Wong	each 6	Shallots—Kong Ching Tai	each 6
Shallots—Kong Ching Tai	each 6	Spinach—Yik Koo	each 6
Spinach—Yik Koo	each 6	Tomatoes—Yan Kai	each 12
Tomatoes—Yan Kai	each 12	Taro, —Wu Tai	each 5
Taro, —Wu Tai	each 5	Turnips, Fresh, (Long)—Lo Pak	each 5
Turnips, Fresh, (Long)—Lo Pak	each 5	Vegetable Marrow—Kai Kwa	each 3
Vegetable Marrow—Kai Kwa	each 3	Water Cress—Sal Yung Tai	each 24
Water Cress—Sal Yung Tai	each 24	" Lily root—Lan Ngan	each 5
" Lily root—Lan Ngan	each 5	Yams—Ta Shu	each 5

Fish.

Barbel—Ka Yau	each 14	Bream—Pin Yau	each 24
Bream—Pin Yau	each 24	Canton Fresh Water Fish—	each 18
Canton Fresh Water Fish—	each 18	Halibut—Hoi Sin Yu	each 24
Halibut—Hoi Sin Yu	each 24	Caro—Li Yu	each 16
Caro—Li Yu	each 16	Outfish—Chik Yu	each 16
Outfish—Chik Yu	each 16	Godfish—Man Yu	each 20
Godfish—Man Yu	each 20	Orabi—Hal	each 26
Orabi—Hal	each 26	Outfish—Muk Yu	each 22
Outfish—Muk Yu	each 22	Dab—Sha Mang Yu	each 40
Dab—Sha Mang Yu	each 40	Dace—Wong Mai Lap	each 12
Dace—Wong Mai Lap	each 12	Dog Fish—Tik To Sha	each 10
Dog Fish—Tik To Sha	each 10	Eel, Conger—Hoi Man	each 22
Eel, Conger—Hoi Man	each 22	" Fresh water—Tam Shai Yu	each 20
" Fresh water—Tam Shai Yu	each 20	" Yellow—Wong Sin	each 24

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OUR SCHOOLS.

The report of the Director of Education for the year 1920, even if you are not especially interested in education, has some interesting bits in it. Mr. E. Irving, the Director, has now completed his twentieth year in this Department, and in his report for last year permits himself a brief comparison of general development in that period. Most of the text is reproduced, so that we need only call attention to one or two points. The expenditure was nearly two hundred thousand dollars greater than in 1919. "mainly due," the Director says, "to higher rates of salary." But those higher salaries were paid to only 58 per cent. of the British staff, as it was "five men and sixteen women short"—of the estimated fifty! Such statistics ought to be a warning indeed, in a case where we have been urging (in that same year) that our teachers were underpaid and our schools understaffed. If 29 teachers did the work of 50, we can understand why \$189,848 more should be paid, or "mainly" paid, in salaries. Apparently, on the figures given, it costs between \$15 and \$16 per annum to educate a Hongkong child, which may be considered cheap enough. One gets the impression from the report that the vernacular schools are misdirected effort, and that if the Government were to concentrate on providing a good plain English education, or facilities for it, to all applicants, our money might be better spent than are these grants and subsidies. Probably there are more people speaking Chinese to-day than were ever taught to do so in

British schools. But that is an issue of high policy, which does not appear to have been raised, and is certainly not suggested in this report. As regards education in English, the Director says that on the whole he is satisfied that there is not room for any startling change in method or curriculum. The Department is pursuing a most praiseworthy policy in training local material as teachers, and it is gratifying to read that we have turned out so many. If we get 20 working teachers out of the 26 students now training at the University we shall do well. We rather expect a little controversy to arise out of the Director's observations on the apparently excessive attention paid to the "realm of sport," he fearing that "ordinary school work may lose prestige in comparison." The benefits of extra-mural association between teachers and pupils are so well recognized, especially by masters, to whom, it should not be overlooked, school athletics represent extra and gratuitous work, that we would not be at all surprised to find our Director accused of erecting a turnip bog. Unless there are signs of school work suffering by reason of the attention paid to games, and that is not necessarily indicated by the phrase about losing "prestige in comparison," it was unnecessary and perhaps not quite fair to moot the point.

KINEMA NOTES.

HONGKONG THEATRE.

From to-morrow until Friday a delightful comedy-drama will be screened at the Hongkong Theatre, "After Five," an admirable picture founded on the play by Wm. and Cecil de Mille. Included in the programme will be the usual screen magazine and an extremely laughable comedy.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Special reductions in cotton voiles are announced in Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd.'s advertisement.

A quantity of household furniture and sundries will be sold by Messrs. Hughes and Hough to-morrow.

Archbishop Mannix of Melbourne passed through the Colony on the N.Y.K. steamer "Nikko Maru," which left for Australia yesterday.

From January to June this year 112,552 Chinese immigrants arrived in the Straits Settlements and 46,533 left.

The *Sinaitika* is still selling. Brewer & Co., report that they sold out and had difficulty in getting new supplies. That difficulty has been met. A number went to Canton, and if it unfolds there will be available for local requirements. Meanwhile we have a few odd copies of "returns" to fill immediate orders. It is not proposed to reprint.

Mr. William McLeish, of Harrington-gardens, South Kensington, left 55.754. He was at one time a well-known Rugby football player and a Master at Dulwich College. In 1886 he became an instructor of nautical astronomy at the Imperial Naval College in Tientsin, and after the college was destroyed in the Boxer outbreak conducted the *Peking and Tientsin Times*.

A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place, between Mr. Victor H. Jones, 14th (King's) Hussars, second son of Mr. H. D. C. Jones, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, London, and Mrs. Jones, of 7, Hanover Terrace, Regents Park, N.W., and Emily C. (Milly), the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomson, of Heathside, Wimbledon Common, formerly of Java.

The Admiralty have ordered the title of the Naval Agent at Shanghai to be altered to that of "Resident Naval Officer, Shanghai." The post is held by an officer of the accountant branch, at present Paymaster-Commander H. A. D. J. Gyles, R.N., who was appointed on September 1, 1919. The change is in accordance with the custom at other ports, such as Singapore, where Paymaster-Lieutenant-Commander A. F. B. Liversay is the Resident Naval Officer.

Quite near to the Marble Arch is the House of the Rising Sun, presided over by Koto Yama, who supplies Orientalism in varying degrees to those who want new effects in entertaining. From the House of the Rising Sun you can have anything from Japanese dwarf trees to decorate your table to a full-blown ten-course dinner or supper of Japanese food cooked and served in the Japanese way, with proper china and decorations, with geisha girls to dance and play.

The design of the coal and oil supply ship of 20,000 tons, for fueling the various units of the Japanese Navy, was worked out by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation in accordance with the requirements laid down by the Imperial Japanese Naval Commission. The waterline length will be 496 ft., with a beam of 67 ft. The vessel will be electrically driven, and will have twin screws with a total of 7,500-h.p., which will give the ship loaded a speed of 15 knots. She will be constructed with both oil and coal bunkers, and a special feature will be the installation of an anti-torpedo-boat battery.

Straits papers record the death of Major Gore Anderson, H. M. Trade Commissioner for Malaya, which took place at the General Hospital, Singapore, shortly after one o'clock on the afternoon of July 8. Major Gore Anderson came out about twenty years ago to Kennedy & Co., of Penang, and afterwards joined the Anthonys, of Penang, the firm consisting of Mr. J. M. Anthony, Mr. Stephen Anthony and Mr. A. F. Gore Anderson. Some time ago Major Gore Anderson met with an accident, causing injury to his leg, which never got quite right, and he died in hospital as stated, from heart failure.

The state of Ceylon's finances show that deficit of over 19 million rupees is expected for the year ended September 30. It is pointed out that drastic economy and retrenchment will be essential and that the majority of public works must stop. The estimates of revenues for the next financial year have not been framed, but it is roughly estimated that the revenue will amount to Rs. 65,000,000. The estimates of expenditure for the year 1921-22 have not yet been settled, but it is almost certain that a sum considerably in excess of the estimated revenue will be required for the ordinary services of the Colony.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lieut. Commander and Mrs. C. P. Satow, Captain R. Burton, and Lieut. J. N. Bond, R.N., were passengers who sailed by the Blue Funnel steamer "Mentor."

A Jumble Sale will be held at the City Hall on Friday, July 22, at 3 p.m. The Benevolent Society will be glad to receive contributions for the sale at Helena May Institute.

A combined meeting of members of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China and the China Coast Officers' Guild is advertised for 5.45 p.m. on Friday, July 22 in the Guilds' Offices.

A new crew will shortly be despatched to the light cruiser "Cairo," China Station, where that cruiser is long overdue for recommissioning, her two years having expired three months ago.

The Hongkong Automobile Association advises that the Committee have arranged for a club room for the use of members in the Hongkong Club Annex Buildings on the ground floor next to the Jockey Club offices.

No soldier can be placed under stoppage of pay for a private debt, and therefore persons who suffer soldiers to contract debts do so at their own risk, states an advertisement inserted in this issue by the General Officer Commanding.

Amongst other matters considered at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Sanitary Board Committee was a suggested rearrangement of the sections in Mount Caroline cemetery. On the motion of Mr. Chow Shou-son the proposal was agreed to.

The Kuala Lumpur police have hit on a novel method of dealing with the vagrants who are fast becoming a pest in the streets. A motor lorry is sent round and these vagrants collected, the sick or starving being sent to hospital and the able bodied to gaol.

Those silk firms in Fatsan which have large stocks of silk left over from last year are making enormous profits as a result of the present high prices paid for silk goods, and it is reported that many of the small silk firms in Fatsan have already made more than \$20,000 since the opening of the silk market.

We are asked to say that, in the absence of any telegraphic information as to Mr. Mischa Elman's movements, the management of the Kowloon Theatre have reluctantly been compelled to cancel the arrangements for the concert to-day. It is hoped that the great violinist may be heard at Kowloon a little later on.

No satisfactory reply to their demand for a uniform 40 per cent. increase of wages having been received from the contractors, the local painters have decided to appeal to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. Most of the contractors have replied individually that they are prepared to follow if other contractors concede the demands but none appears anxious to take the lead.

On behalf of the Ferry Company which operates between Shaikwan and Hunghom Mr. Dennis appeared at the Police Court this morning before Magistrate Lindell to prosecute two Chinese who were charged with demanding money with threats from a ticket collector. The case was remanded, the accused, who were represented by Mr. Watson, being released on sureties of \$500 each.

Nearly 200 naval ratings from Shanghai, Hongkong, and Singapore arrived at Plymouth on May 25 by the "Khyber." They were landed by Government launches and included many invalids from the China Station. The voyage home in the "Khyber" was of the most pleasant description, the weather being remarkably fine. A series of concerts was given by the blue-jackets, who, with characteristic cordiality, invited the other passengers to share in their entertainments.

Captain Poulet, the famous French aviator, who is staying at the Europe Hotel, Singapore, had 4,000 guineas, 800 francs and £35 stolen from him on July 5. The money was given to be changed at the money-changing stall in the hotel, and Captain Poulet was told by two Tamil boys in charge of the stall, to return for it. When he called to collect the money, he found that the Tamil boys had disappeared. The money changer, however refunded the money. The police were informed of the matter, and one of the boys, who had made arrangements to leave for India by the s.s. "Tara" was arrested. The other boy is still at large.

BLAZON TYPE NOT NECESSARY.

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THE KWANGS WAR.

LIMCHOW CAPTURED.

"HEADED IN ON ALL SIDES."

According to a report made by the military headquarters yesterday, Limchow in the southern part of Kwangtung, which was taken by the Kwangsi invaders during the first stages of the war, has now been recaptured, and the enemy troops have been driven back across the border, reports the *Canton Times*. "Since their military base in Teng Yuen behind the lines was captured by the troops of Gen. Ngai Bong-ping last week, they are now being hemmed in on all sides. It is only a question of time when all these defeated Kwangsi troops will be totally wiped out."

In a telegram to Canton the Kwangsi general stationed at Linchow declares that city independent of Warlord Lu Yung-ting. However, little faith is placed in this declaration, and as soon as the Cantonese troops arrive within firing distance of Linchow the Kwangsi troops will have either to surrender the city or fight the Cantonese troops.

HOME TRADE.

MANCHESTER MARKET.

LATEST WEEKLY REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, reported on June 11—

The cotton markets remain very quiet, with spot sales still very limited. Prices have however been steadier and owing, it would seem, to the decline in sterling exchange on the United States, quotations have continued to advance in Liverpool. The National Spinners' Association estimate the United States Mills' consumption for May to have been 422,000 Bales against 409,000 last month and 541,000 for May last year. Crop News as usual is very variable but in addition to the comparatively poor start which has been made fears are widely entertained of boll weevil damage which is stated to be fairly widespread. A rather more cheerful view is taken here of the labour outlook. Concessions in both the coal and cotton stoppages have now narrowed down the points at issue very considerably and it is confidently hoped that work in both these important industries will be recommenced at a very early date. Trading in yarn and cloth is restricted, however, although a very fair enquiry is still met with from many quarters. For the time being buyers appear to be divided as to the effect of the fall in wages on the cost of the finished article, but it is difficult to see how any material reduction can be made from the present basis. In the first place the prices of most lots recently placed have actually been calculated on lower wages in the weaving section at least, and secondly the actual saving in working costs can only be comparatively slight. It would also seem that a settlement of this question will speedily lead to the re-establishment of confidence in present values, for it has already become very apparent that opinion has been steadily moving in that direction owing to the continued firmness we have now had for almost three months. During that time prices have stood practically unchanged with an upward tendency and it frequently happens that buyers find rates advanced by producers who have obtained their share of the business that has been passing. Reports from China continue to improve and business has been done both for that and the India markets of a limited nature. Singapore, Java, and the Near East have also bought odd lots.

HAWKERS HUSH MONEY.

70 CENT BID FOR FREEDOM.

A Chinese hawk was called upon at the Police Court before Magistrate Lindell this morning to explain why he had neglected to provide himself with a licence and further why he had attempted to bribe the *lunks* who arrested him for his neglect. It was related to the Bench that the man offered the *lunks* 70 cents as "tea money" but the constable refused it and took him off to the Police station. On the way the defendant continually pressed the constable to accept the money and eventually the constable, because of the man's importunings, decided to take charge of the money. A previous offence had been recorded against the defendant and he was ordered to pay fines, totalling \$21 or else spend 24 days in jail.

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TO-DAY'S LITTLE TRAGEDIES.

ACCIDENTAL AND OTHERWISE.

REPORTED TO THE POLICE.

After attempting to cut her throat with a razor the wife of a Chinese constable was removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment yesterday. The woman had been in a state of despondency ever since the death of her daughter a short while ago.

A small Chinese girl employed as a servant in Pokfulam Road fell a distance of 30 feet into the backyard of the house yesterday afternoon, sustaining injuries to her face and probably other internal injuries as well.

Another young Chinese woman residing in Wuhu Street jumped from a first floor window on to the concrete lane at the back of her house. She fell a distance of 25 feet and injured herself severely internally.

Wong Lin, an unemployed coolie of Shin Hing, was arrested at Yau-mat on a charge of attempting to commit suicide.

A "male child, 13 years, unemployed, no fixed abode" accidentally fell yesterday from a truck lying near the wall of the Woping Theatre and fractured his left arm.

Fifteen Chinese male deportees left the Colony yesterday for Canton by the s.s. "Hoi Sang" and 4 were sent to Kowloon. Three deportees were sent to Hoihow and "one to Pakhoi."

The theft of \$170 worth of jewellery and \$31 in money was notified by Lau Kwai Chu, a compradore residing in Stanton Street.

Ho Kwong, residing in Macdonnell Road reported that just before midnight on July 18 he saw a European standing in the shrubbery outside his house. Questioned, the man explained that he was there under instructions of a police sub-inspector but later inquiries showed this to be untrue.

Carpenters tools valued at about \$20 were stolen yesterday by some persons who entered the R.E. workshop at Whitfield Barracks. It is thought that a duplicate key was used.

According to a report furnished by Mr. D. Kotewell of Ice House Street somebody removed a pair of brass hinges from his ricksha.

CIGARETTE SMUGGLERS.

BATCH OF OFFENDERS.

EXCUSES OLD AND NEW.

A batch of Chinese smugglers made their appearance before Magistrate Lindell in the Police Court this morning to answer charges of having had in their possession cigarettes, and in one instance, bottles of brandy, upon which duty had not been paid. One man who had been caught with 3,000 cigarettes in his possession offered the time-honoured excuse that another man who owned the cigarettes had engaged him to carry them ashore from a boat. The owner he explained, was walking immediately in front of him and ran away when the police appeared. A fine of \$90 was imposed.

The next defendant who was charged with smuggling 10,000 cigarettes had a similar explanation to offer but the Magistrate proved equally incredulous and imposed a fine of \$170. The Revenue Officer who effected the arrest of both men said that they were coal coolies and belonged to a party of about 300 who were taken to Canton by the "Taio Maru" to unload a cargo of coal. The vessel returned to Hongkong yesterday morning and the men were caught carrying the tobacco ashore.

Another Chinese caught with 360 smuggled cigarettes in his possession was given the alternative of paying \$12 or going to jail for ten days and a traveller from Kong Moon by the s.s. "Tai Lee," who had 1040 cigarettes hidden in the false bottom of an imitation leather trunk was fined \$45 or three weeks' imprisonment. There was a smack of original ality about the excuse offered by a fifth defendant charged in respect of the possession of 1100 cigarettes but it failed to impress the Court. He explained that they had been presented to him by some friends as a mark of esteem on the occasion of his leaving the Colony to return to his native village.

The Magistrate confessed himself as being envious of the man's good fortune and asked where those generous friends of his were. The defendant answered that they were in the tobacco business at the Central Market. The cigarettes were apparently of no use to them he said, and so they had made him a present of them to smoke. The Magistrate fined him \$50.

Two Chinese who were arrested on the Yau-mat ferry wharf with seven bottles of "Star" brandy each in their possession were both fined \$120 with six weeks' jail in default. Both explained that they had been hired to carry the liquor.

WORLD LANGUAGE.

ENGLISH PROPOSED.

BELGIAN SOCIETY'S AIM.

A society had been formed in Belgium, says the Brussels correspondent of the *Central News*, to secure the adoption of English as the mode of expression in Belgium.

Three languages are spoken in Belgium, namely, French, Flemish, and German. They are, say the promoters of this movement, all imported tongues: there is no such thing as a Belgian language. Likewise, the actual spoken language in the three above-named main divisions resolves itself, so far as Belgium is concerned, into dozens and scores of different dialects that differ as widely from English as, say Piedmontese differs from Calabrian Italian, or Jersey French from Gascony French.

A ONE-LANGUAGE COUNTRY. National unity, say the officials at the Society of "English-speaking Belgium," demands a national unit of expression. There is a goodly mixture of both Germanic and Latin in the English tongue, they point out, and the Belgians have a bit of both in their racial blood, so that they should take kindly to the acquisition of the English language. While these reformers would not destroy any of the existing idioms, they would aim at having Belgium, broadly speaking, a one-language country in official and commercial senses.

They point to the facts that English is going to be the world language; that it is spoken by two hundred millions already, and is the administrative language of three hundred and fifteen millions more. The claim is also put forward that the study of English is a comparatively small matter for Belgians, whose adopted languages of to-day, French and Flemish, are based on the same Latin and Teutonic foundations as the Saxon and Norman branches of the English tongue.

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TIPS IN HEAVEN!

A VOICE FROM THE TOMB.

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The voice of an importunate from beyond the tomb has been silenced by the generosity of a Paris widow. Since the death of her husband, says a Press correspondent, she had daily gone to visit his grave in Pere Lachaise Cemetery. One day she was terrified to hear his voice calling to her. "Up here," said the voice, "it is the same as upon the earth, everybody wants money. On every hand are people asking for tips. Dear friend, can you let me have £10?"

The woman had no money with her, but overcame her fear and promised to bring some, and the voice replied, "Thank you." She returned home and repeated the amazing conversation to a neighbour who apparently concealed her own suspicions and advised her to take the required sum to the cemetery. Two days afterwards the widow plausibly laid a purse containing five 100l. notes upon the husband's grave and retired. A little while later a young man rose from behind the next tombstone, emptied the purse, and was about to steal away when the arm of the law descended upon him. It was then discovered that the owner of the voice was the widow's own nephew, and he appeared subsequently before the local magistrate. While the case against him was proceeding, his young wife appeared with a baby in her arms, and threw herself at the widow's feet. His would-be victim forgave him and withdrew her complaint, and the owner of the voice from beyond the tomb went home duly promising that it would never be heard again.

GOLF.

BOGEY POOL COMPETITION.

Bogey Pool Competition played over the Relief Course at Fanning during last weekend was won by Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell (4) who returned a card of 4 up.

A clean bill of health was returned for the Colony yesterday.

The command of the sloon "Magnolia," China Squadron, will shortly change hands, as Commander Basil R. Brooke, D.S.O. will complete two years in the course of a few months.

Mr. Mischa Elman, the famous violinist arrived here this morning from Singapore by the K.P.M. s.s. "An Cloon." Mr. Elman had intended giving a concert in the Kowloon Theatre to-night but had unavoidably to cancel it as it was at first doubtful whether his steamer could arrive here in time.

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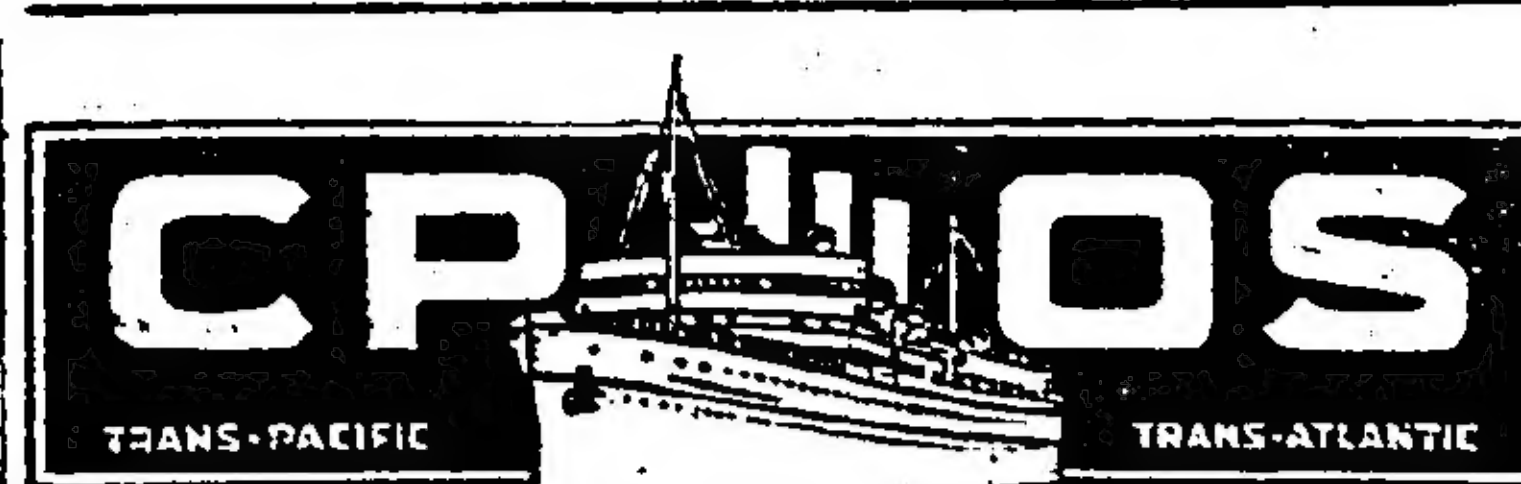
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HONGKONG FIRE BRIGADE.

PROPOSALS FOR INCREASING ITS EFFICIENCY.

The following report compiled by Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police and Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, was laid on the table of the Legislative Council, on Monday, on the subject of the Hongkong Fire Brigade.

Criticism of the personnel has been mainly directed against the performance of Fire Brigade duties by Police Officers who in the ordinary course of their duties have plenty to do, and it is argued that they cannot efficiently perform the two functions of Police and Firemen. This is true and particularly so when there is a large crop of fires, as has occurred during the past 6 months. It may also be said with equal truth that with the development of the Colony, particularly the City of Victoria and the Kowloon Peninsula, the present arrangements are likely to lead to more marked inefficiency in the Brigade in the future.

The work of the Brigade is increasing year by year and the question must now be considered whether it should not be reconstituted by eliminating the Police Volunteers and substituting therefor a purely professional Fire Brigade consisting of a small number of professional European firemen with a locally trained Chinese Staff of firemen.

The arguments in favour of the present system are mainly that the European Police Firemen though not highly trained have more initiative, are more caring and work harder and more efficiently than the average Chinese Fireman, particularly at the commencement of operations when steadiness and initiative may mean the saving of lives and much valuable property. From my own personal experience at fires, I must admit that the Chinese Firemen as a whole do not at present show either any great initiative or any over great zeal in the performance of their duties. I cannot help thinking, however, that this is mainly due to the fact that they lack the necessary opportunity to display the qualities required of a good fireman. At present they do what I may call the "coolie work" of the Brigade only, such as running out and coupling up hose and generally assisting the European Firemen, who hold all positions of responsibility. When the outbreak is not under their stand by and make up the hose which again is only the manual labour of the Brigade. Properly and regularly drilled and working together under professional guidance, I am satisfied that they would become thoroughly efficient and by reason of the experience

gained in working together at first, they should in time become quite capable of dealing successfully with outbreaks of fire.

One obvious drawback of the present system is the division of the Brigade into European and Chinese sections. Most of the European Firemen do not speak Chinese and confusion is apt to arise from the failure of the one to understand the other. In this connection it will be essential in any reorganization of the Brigade that the Europeans in Charge should be sufficiently acquainted with Chinese to make themselves understood. Again the control exercised over the European Firemen (who are first and foremost policemen) by the professional European Staff is not as satisfactory as it would be were all the men under their entire control. The arrangements necessary under present conditions, which at times place a Senior Police Officer under the orders of a junior professional fireman or even a junior Police Officer, who has become a foreman in the Brigade by reason of his outstanding merit, obviously lead to friction at times. Needless to say, such an arrangement is avoided as far as possible but cannot be entirely eliminated in the Brigade as at present constituted.

By having all the members of the Brigade entirely under his control, by giving all the members an equal share in all the work of the Brigade and by having the same men always working together at first, the Officer in charge should be able in time to bring the Chinese fireman up to a level of efficiency even greater than that attained at present under the mixed Brigade system. The matter of equipment will, of course, also enter very largely into the question of the efficiency of the Brigade, but first and foremost the personnel must be thoroughly trained in the performance of its duties so that each man knows the precise nature of his particular work on each occasion, and all mixing up of sections and duties which is unavoidable where the same men are not always available may be entirely eliminated. With firemen drawn from the Police, only those available, i.e., off Police duty at the time of the outbreak can be made use of, and they necessarily differ from day to day. It is thus but rarely possible to get the same men working together and efficiency must suffer in consequence.

RECOMMENDATIONS.
 Mr. Wolfe's recommendations, as far as the personnel of the Brigade and the equipment on land and afloat are concerned, are set forth at considerable length. In his remarks on the inadequacy and unsuitability of the Fire Brigade Headquarters, Mr. Wolfe refers to the project of the new headquarters opposite the Central Market.

Regarding the personnel of the Fire Brigade, Mr. Wolfe writes:—
 The changes proposed consist in substituting the Assistant Superintendent of Police and three professional European Firemen in charge instead of 2 as at present. It is proposed to retain the European Firemen and Motor Drivers who are members of the Police Force until such time as the Chinese are sufficiently trained to carry on by themselves. The Chief Executive Officer of the Brigade, it is proposed, shall be an officer of the rank and experience of a Superintendent in the London Fire Brigade. In the London Fire Brigade such an officer now draws a salary of £475-£575 with quarters. It is proposed to offer this officer a salary of £600-£900 by £25 annually so as to get a really efficient man. The Captain Superintendent of Police will remain in administrative charge of the Fire Brigade as Chief Officer. The number of firemen will be increased by 2 only but it must be remembered that instead of having 73 firemen many of whom are not always available, there will now be 80 men whose entire services are at the disposal of the Superintendent. This number is exclusive of all special services, such as Motor Drivers, mechanics, fitters, carpenters, etc., and the staff required to run the two Fire Floats. It must also be borne in mind that the Brigade has only recently been strengthened by the addition of 1 professional European Assistant Station Officer and 17 firemen. The number proposed should therefore suffice for the present, but it may be necessary to supplement this number when additional fire fighting apparatus is acquired. Minor changes include the addition of Drivers and Attendants for the two new Ambulances which are on order and which are now included in the Fire Service. It is considered that the Motor Ambulance Service can most profitably be attached to the Fire Brigade as it is in London. A Motor Mechanic is also added and allowance is made for an Engineer with the requisite technical knowledge who will be attached to the Brigade. Further it is essential that a proper staff of Interpreters and Telephone Clerks should now be provided. Each European officer is therefore provided with an Interpreter as in the Sanitary Department. These Interpreters will also do the clerical work of the Brigade. The Telephone Clerks will provide an uninterrupted telephone service to answer calls at both stations, e.g., Headquarters and Kowloon.

EQUIPMENT ON LAND.
 Recent comments have laid stress on the inadequate equipment of the Fire Brigade, particularly afloat.

After setting out a list of the existing equipment on land Mr. Wolfe states what plant is required to deal successfully with large outbreaks of fire or with two or more simultaneous outbreaks, such as have occurred on several occasions recently.

EQUIPMENT AFOAT.
 It is not in my opinion necessary to supplement existing fire appliances afloat by any further motor or steam fire floats at present. Fires on ships in the harbour are fortunately of comparatively rare occurrence and in the circumstances, the very large outlay on a new motor fire float is not warranted by the work required. The two Fire Floats are quite capable of dealing with ordinary fires on ships in the harbour, and should necessity arise, they can be supplemented by the large tugs employed by the Hongkong Whampoa Dock Co. and Takoo Dock Co. both of which, and particularly the former, have very powerful fire pumps on board. In this connection I recommend that an agreement be entered into with the Companies concerned to place their tugs fitted with fire fighting appliances at the disposal of the Fire Brigade in cases of emergency and if available at the time. With this addition I am satisfied that the shipping in the harbour will be adequately protected against fire.

The bulk of the work of the floats is in connection with fires on land and, owing to the peculiar situation of the City of Victoria and Kowloon, the floats are of very great service either in fighting the flames direct or in supplying the motor pumps with water, thereby also saving fresh water which is a matter of importance in the dry season. As the City and Kowloon both stretch out along the

harbour for a great distance, the advisability of keeping both floats instead of one only under banked fires in future and providing a full crew for the No. 2 float has been considered, and full crews are recommended for both. One float would then do duty in Hongkong and one in Kowloon. The possibility of delay in getting across the harbour should thus be entirely eliminated. Certain improvements on the floats are undoubtedly desirable. The re-arrangement of the hose lockers is receiving attention now, and will be taken in hand as soon as a satisfactory arrangement has been devised.

An electric light plant on No. 1 Fire Float has been approved and will be supplied forthwith. The float will be lighted up and clusters of lights worked from the float or in the alternative a searchlight. A portable searchlight should be carried on No. 2 float. A certain number of powerful oil lamps and also electric hand torches should be carried on board as has been suggested. A coffee machine and a supply of provisions for firemen should also be carried on

each float. The hose couplings of the 4" hose should be discarded and automatic couplings provided. I further recommend that the Naval Authorities be approached in the matter of lending assistance when required, particularly at fires on board ships. Their general training and familiarity with ships make them particularly well fitted to fight an outbreak of fire on board ships. They are also supplied with smoke helmets. It would, I think, be advisable to have a definite arrangement with the Naval Authorities for the supply of men and smoke helmets when required, provided they agree. Naval parties at present attend all large fires and are most useful but their services would be invaluable at ship fires.

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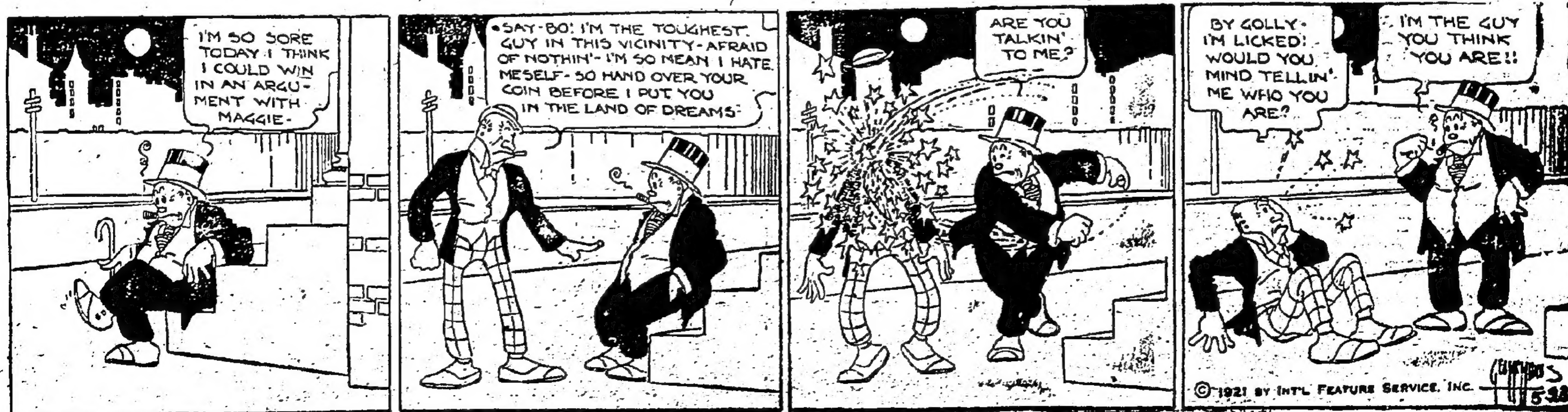


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HONGKONG FIRE BRIGADE.

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WATER SUPPLY AND WATER PRESSURE.

Generally speaking the water supply for fire purposes is good. It is controlled by the Water Authority, a Sub-Department of the P.W.D. The pressure in Victoria is good though it varies considerably in different districts at different hours. Group Hydrants have been supplied throughout the City. The group hydrants consist of groups of three hydrants at important points. The motor pumps are worked off a dam which is kept filled by the 3 hydrants which are close together, one hydrant being insufficient for the purpose as the draw off by the pump is too great. Before the introduction of group hydrants much time was lost in connecting up two or three hydrants situated some distance apart to feed the dam. It is further proposed to pump direct from the mains when possible by means of 3 way collecting heads fitted direct to the suction of the pump, thus avoiding the use of a dam, as the latter entails a good deal of waste of water and loss of pressure in the mains. The only difficulty which still exists as regards water pressure in the City is on the upper levels. These cannot be reached by the Motor Pumps, as there is no motor road to such levels as Queen's Gardens, May Road and Conduit Road. The danger of serious conflagrations on these levels is however slight as the houses are detached or semi-detached. The pressure in the mains is sufficient to confine an outbreak to the premises it starts in. The same remarks apply to the Peak where the fire appliances are confined to Despatch Boxes containing hoses and standpipes and nozzles which are worked direct off the mains.

In Kowloon group hydrants have been provided. The pressure is very good indeed in Sham Shui Po (Sai Koi) which is now connected up by a 10" main to the 12" principal feed main. This main is also available in Shanghai Street up to Waterloo Road. Tsim Sha Tsui is as yet not getting the benefit of the 15" main in Corporation Road as this main cannot be connected to the 18" main in Tai Po Road until the Nathan end of Corporation Road is driven through the hill. It is anticipated that this connection will be through in about a year. Hung Hom is supplied by an 8" main. The principal buildings at Tsim Sha Tsui, e.g., The Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s premises and Holt's Wharf are served by the Fire Floats as are also the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s premises. Outlying shipyards are mainly protected by the Fire Floats. Such premises however should have and mostly do have their own fire appliances to supplement the Government Fire Brigade. The owners of premises where there are furnaces, blacksmith's shops and watchmakers cannot expect the entire fire protection of the Fire Brigade. They should have their own fire service as is the case already on all such premises as H. M. Naval Yard, The Kowloon and Whampoa Docks and the Tai Koo Dock.

ESTIMATE OF COST OF FIRE BRIGADE
The upkeep of the Fire service at present costs \$77,243 p.a. made up as follows—
Personal Emoluments \$ 40,543
Other Charges 36,700
Total \$ 77,243

Special expenditure on new appliances for the year 1921 is estimated at \$ 11,220
To which \$16,600 must be added owing to loss in exchange and higher prices prevailing now 16,600
Total \$ 27,820

The proposed expenditure entailed by the re-organization of the Brigade which includes all changes except Buildings is as follows—
Personal Emoluments \$ 59,102
Other Charges 49,500
Total \$108,602

Special Expenditure in 1922 is estimated at—
1 new Motor Pump \$ 18,000
1 Turntable Ladder 35,000
Alteration and addition to Flats 2,500
Searchlights on Floats 6,000
Total \$61,500

NEW POSTAL RATES.

GENERAL IRRITATION.

FRESH BURDEN ON TRADE.

Mr. Kellaway's proposed postal "reforms" will do nothing to increase public confidence, either in himself or in his Department. The new charges are to be imposed on the country at short notice—in the high-handed way to which we are now becoming accustomed—without any consultation of the House of Commons. The official case is simple. There is a large deficit in the Post Office, if it is to pay its way must have more revenue; all that need be done is immediately to cut down services and put up rates. The public, however, does not take so light-hearted a view of the matter. The Post Office has done little since the war to improve its service; indeed, it is notoriously more inefficient now than it was before; and the Postmaster-General will require to dispel the general irritation and suspicion by a large measure of internal reform, before he can convince us of the necessity for his present proposals. Taken in detail, there are several of the new rates which are indefensible. One is the three-half-penny postcard, which means an increase of 200 per cent. on the pre-war rate, and brings the postcard up to three quarters of the price of a letter. In the printed paper rate, there clearly ought to be a discrimination. To raise the price from 3d. to 1d. is legitimate enough in the case of advertising circulars; the bulk of this sort of stuff that goes through the post is not an essential part of a sound commercial organisation, and indeed, we do not see why it should not be charged at ordinary letter rate; our breakfast tables might then be littered with fewer unwanted communications. Such indispensable business documents, such as invoices and receipts, are in a different category altogether, and ought to be treated quite differently. To double their cost is definitely to put a fresh burden on trade, and a burden very uneven in its incidence.

DYES FOR EXPORT.

BRITISH CORPORATION'S AGENCY RULES.

In the House of Commons on June 6, Captain Wedgwood Benn asked whether the British Dyestuffs Corporation refused to supply British export firms with synthetic indigo on the ground that they had their own selling arrangements in the Far East, and suggested that the decision tended to divert trade from this country to Germany, Switzerland, and the United States. Sir Philip Lloyd Graeme: I am informed that under the arrangements made by the British Dyestuffs Corporation with their agents in China, the Corporation is precluded from making sales of its products to merchants in this country when it is known that the goods are destined for export to and sale in China. It is, however, open to merchants supplying the Chinese market to obtain their supplies in China through the agents of the British Dyestuffs Corporation in that country. I am informed that in all such cases the agents of the Corporation supply without requiring any information as to the ultimate purchasers. The Government is not responsible for the management of the British Dyestuffs Corporation, and the Board of Trade has no power to dictate to firms the terms of their agency agreement.

At the annual general meeting of the Banque de l'Indo Chine held in Paris on May 25 the report and accounts for 1920 were adopted. The profits for the six months were 9,804,602 fr., and for the second six months 10,837,810 fr. The dividend of 115 fr. per share, of which 5 fr. were paid in January last, was sanctioned.

In conclusion I have no hesitation in saying that if the main proposals as to staff and equipment in this report are adopted, there is every reason to believe that the Hongkong Fire Brigade will be capable of performing any duties which it can reasonably be expected to perform and its efficiency should leave no room for adverse comment of any kind.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
Shanghai.....	Canton
U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai.....	China
Shanghai.....	Rickiang
Straits.....	Sado Maru
EUROPE via Suez (Newspapers only, London 16th June).....	Mandela
SATURDAY, JULY 23.....	Cap Arcona
Shanghai.....	Tajima Maru
Bombay and Straits.....	Sawa Maru
Japan and Shanghai.....	Szechuen
SUNDAY, JULY 24.....	Rangoon Maru
Japan.....	Wakata Maru
TUESDAY, JULY 26.....	Nagato Maru
Calcutta and Straits.....	

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Time
Wednesday, July 20.....		
Sasabai and Wuchow.....	Kochow	4.30 p.m.
Tourane.....	Chung King	5 p.m.
Port Bayard.....	Shuncheong	5 p.m.
Swatow.....	Wah Sun	5 p.m.
Thursday, July 21.....		
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong.....	Kailong	8 a.m.
"Swatow" Amoy and Keelung.....	Taiwa Maru	9 a.m.
Pakhoi and Haiphong.....	Hozai Maru	9 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, Central & South America & EUROPE via VAN COUVER, B.C. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m.	Empress of Asia	
"Shanghai," North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central & South America & EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.		
Amoy, "Shanghai" and "North China" Japan and Port Moresby via Samarang.....	Alizawa Maru	10 a.m.
Wahaiwei, Okubo and "Tientsin".....	Sookowanyu	10 a.m.
Swatow.....	Huichow	10 a.m.
Holhow and Haiphong.....	Hydangsan	10.30 p.m.
Yue Ying Wa.....	Yue Ying Wa	11 p.m.
Friday, July 22.....		
Philippine Islands.....	Loongang	2 p.m.
Saturday, July 23.....		
Straits and Bangkok.....	China	8 a.m.
Shanghai and North China.....	Cheonan	8 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.....	Haiching	4 p.m.
Saigon.....	Phoupenh	4 p.m.
"Swatow," "Shanghai" and "North China".....	Hopang	5 p.m.
Sunday, July 24.....		
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung.....	Kaijo Maru	9 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta & ADEN.....	Kwangsung	9 a.m.
"Swatow," "Straits" and "Bangkok".....	Chingha	9 a.m.
Monday, July 25.....		
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung.....	Kanchow	9 a.m.
Shanghai and "SAN FRANCISCO".....	Choyo Maru	11 a.m.
Shanghai and North China.....	Szechuen	11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.....	Haichong	1 p.m.
Wednesday, July 27.....		
Swatow and Bangkok.....	Chunwang	9 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta and ADEN.....	Laisang	2 p.m.
Thursday, July 28.....		
Shanghai and North China.....	Sunning	11 a.m.
Friday, July 29.....		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.....	Haichong	1 p.m.
Saturday, July 30.....		
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central & South America & EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Nile	
Shanghai and North China.....	Yingchow	3 p.m.
Tuesday, August 2.....		
Shanghai and North China.....	Shantung	11 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

For M. S. s. "Portbos," from Marseilles for Hongkong—Capt. H. S. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Gairnes, Mr. Peterson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Souza, For Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Gornet, Mrs. Levy, Mr. de Crant, Mr. and Mrs. Korostovets, Mr. and Mrs. Caudin, Mr. Secord, Mr. Noblet, Mr. and Mrs. Gellerman, Miss Ferns, Mr. and Mrs. Liebrecht, Mr. Desirées, Mr. Korostovets, Mr. and Mrs. Kochl, Mr. Ropin, Mr. Obberg, Mr. Gattiker, Miss Paschal, Miss M. K. K. Miss Chevalier, Mr. Harbink.

DEPARTURES.

For M. S. s. "Mentor,"—Lieut. J. V. Bond, R.N., Capt. R. Burton, Miss Craine, Mrs. H. S. Van Conynghburg, Rev. G. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clark, Mr. China, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cockburn, Mr. F. H. Dod, Mr. F. S. Farnshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Eddy, Mr. M. S. Egan, Mr. T. L. Fleming, Mr. S. E. Ford, Mr. J. H. Gill, Mrs. Gibb and son, Miss A. Graves, Mrs. J. Helbling, Mr. J. Johnston, Mr. Kentwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lane, Mr. W. Knight, Mr. H. W. McKinney, Mr. Morrell, Miss Morrell, Mr. J. Paquiere, Miss R. Phillips, Mrs. Quimmerman, Lieut. Commander and Mrs. C. P. Satow and infant, Mr. Smart, Mr. R. Schmidt, Mr. E. Self, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Simpson, Miss French and Mr. J. T. Wyberg.

The C.P.O.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Japan," arrived at Nagasaki on July 18 (7.30 p.m.) left there on July 19 (8 p.m.) and is due at Kobe on July 19 (8 p.m.) and is due here on July 21.

The S.S. "Cyclops" (Blue Funnel Line) left Singapore on July 16 for Hongkong and is due here on July 21.

The S.S. "K. K. s. "Shinyo Maru" was despatched from this port on Saturday for San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

The China Mail s.s. "China," will arrive at this port on Wednesday afternoon, July 20, between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. She will be despatched for Singapore on Saturday, July 23 at 10 a.m.

The N. Y. K. s.s. "Sado Maru" (European Line) left Singapore for this port on July 16 and is expected here on July 21.

The N. Y. K. s.s. "Tajima Maru" (Pomboy Line) left Singapore for this port on July 17 and is expected here on July 22.

The N. Y. K. s.s. "Wakata Maru" (Pomboy Line) left Kobe for this port on July 17 and is expected here on July 24.

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"I don't want any rubbish—if you please," said the widow, who was asked what kind of an epitaph she desired for her late husband. "Let it be short and simple, something like this: 'William Johnston, aged seventy-five years: the good die young'."

There has just been acquired for the collections in the Victoria and Albert Museum a particularly fine example of Chinese wood sculpture, an addition specially welcome, since the section is not too strong in Chinese sculpture generally. The two figures, an Emperor and his son (or it may be a high official) are represented engaged in some religious ceremony. The hands of the second figure are coming together in a signal evidently for some ceremonial act. On both figures are a few slight restorations only, and the colour remaining on them shows great richness and beauty. The period of this example is early Ming. Still earlier in date—probably early Twelfth Century, Sung—is another, much smaller seated figure in wood, also just bought for the Museum. It, too, shows remaining traces of colour. The figure represents Kwan-Yin, in the attitude of Kingly Repose. This example is not yet displayed in the galleries, but the Emperor and his Son (?) is already placed in Room 62.

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